

## CLASS OF 2015

### Steve Blood

Steve Blood had two chapters in his racing career at Oxford Plains Speedway. The first chapter began in 1965 and spanned eleven years. The second chapter began in 1987 and ended in 1994, a span of seven years.

His name is synonymous with the former six-cylinder Charger division at the speedway. Steve competed in the very first race for the Chargers in 1969 and he was in the final Charger division race in 1994, the only driver in the history of the speedway to do so.

Even though Steve began racing in the original Sportsman division at Oxford, it was in the early years of the Charger division where he had his biggest success. From 1969 to 1971, Steve won twenty-four feature races, thirteen of those victories occurred during the 1971 season where he won the division championship.

Following a five-year stint competing in the Late Model Sportsman division where he won two races, Steve stepped away from racing. As he says simply, "I went fishing."

Steve returned to racing in 1987 to "give Mert (dad) one more win." That he did as the combination of father and son won 15 races (seven in 1992) before the speedway disbanded the highly popular and competitive Charger division.

He won races in the first year of the Chargers and won races in the last year of the division. During his career racing in the Chargers, Steve amassed a record forty-four victories – a record that will never be broken.

Steve and wife Gail make their home in Lovell, Maine.

